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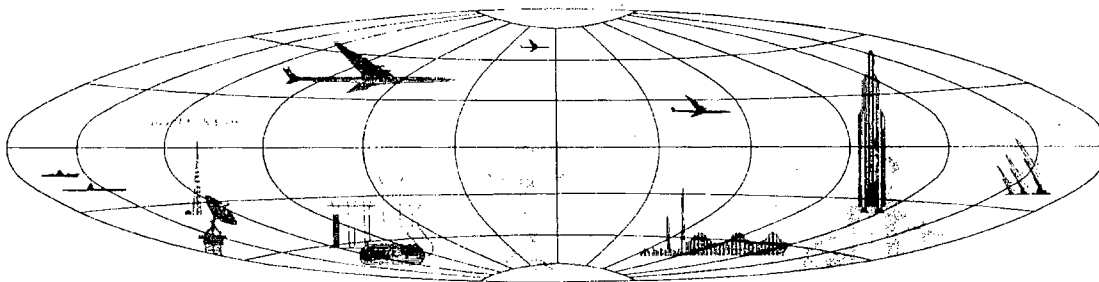
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PREFACE

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Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service, (B) road service, (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (H) other buildings and facilities, (J) equipment storage/maintenance areas, (K) athletic fields, (L) small arms firing ranges, (M) driver training areas, (N) tank/assault gun firing ranges, (P) flat trajectory firing ranges, (Q) artillery emplacements (batteries), (R) infantry or combined arms field training area or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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OSIPOVICH I AMMUNITION DEPOT YASEN NORTHWEST

(53-19N 028-48E)

OSIPOVICH I, MOGILEVSKAYA OBLAST, USSR

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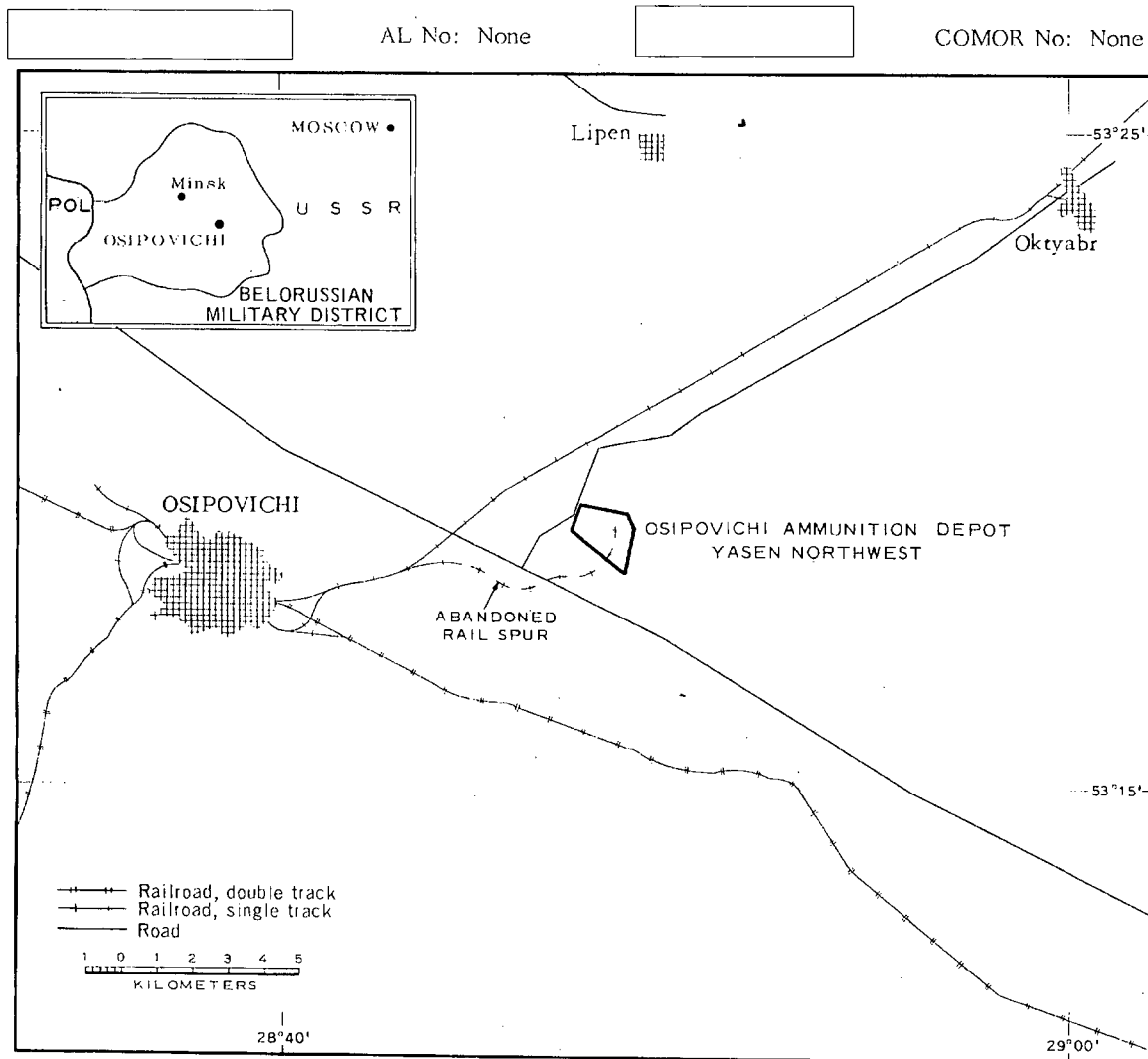


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF OSIPOVICH I AMMUNITION DEPOT YASEN NORTHWEST.

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SUMMARY

Osipovich Ammunition Depot Yasen Northwest (Figure 1) is located on the north side of the Minsk-Bobruysk Highway, 10 kilometers (km) east of Osipovich (53-18N 028-39E). A secondary road provides access to the Minsk-Bobruysk Highway.

This installation (Figures 2 and 3), comprised of a double fenced ammunition storage area and an adjacent support area, covers approximately 440 acres. The secured ammunition storage area contains 11 ammunition storage buildings, three possible explosives storage buildings, a foundation for an additional possible explosives storage building, and eight support buildings. The support area contains one administration building, eight barracks, four stor-

age buildings, one vehicle shed, 29 support buildings, and a small arms firing range.

The area is covered by 1956 TALENT photography and 10 KEYHOLE missions between December 1961 and February 1964. Comparative analysis reveals an increase of track activity from light activity during July 1956-April 1962 to medium to heavy activity during June 1962-August 1963.

Significant changes observed include the addition of two ammunition storage buildings, three possible explosive storage buildings, two barracks, and three support buildings and construction of additional internal roads between July 1956 and April 1962.

DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION**Rail Service**

There is a single track spur from the Osipovich-Oktyabr rail line to this area, but it is probably abandoned.

Road Service

A secondary all-weather road provides access to the Minsk-Bobruysk primary highway.

Administrative and Troop Housing Areas

Area D1 (Figure 3) has one administration building, six barracks, and six support buildings. Trackage indicates probable occupancy. No change is noted in the level of track activity.

Area D2 has two barracks, three storage buildings, and 12 support buildings.

Two barracks and three support buildings were constructed between July 1956 and April 1962.

General Storage Area

Area E has one storage building and one support building. These buildings were first observed on December 1961 coverage. They are possibly occupied.

Ammunition Storage Areas

Area F1 has three 230- by 45-foot possible explosive storage buildings, first observed on April 1962 coverage, and a foundation for a possible storage building (indicated by dashed line on Figure 3), first observed on June 1963 coverage.

Area F2 has eight support buildings and two 200- by 45-foot, one 150- by 55-foot, six 130- by 45-foot, and two 120- by 50-foot ammunition storage buildings surrounded by a double fence. Two of the storage buildings were first observed on December 1961 coverage. Trackage, indi-

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FIGURE 2. OSIPOVICH AMMUNITION DEPOT YASEN NORTHWEST, OSIPOVICH, USSR, FEBRUARY 1964.

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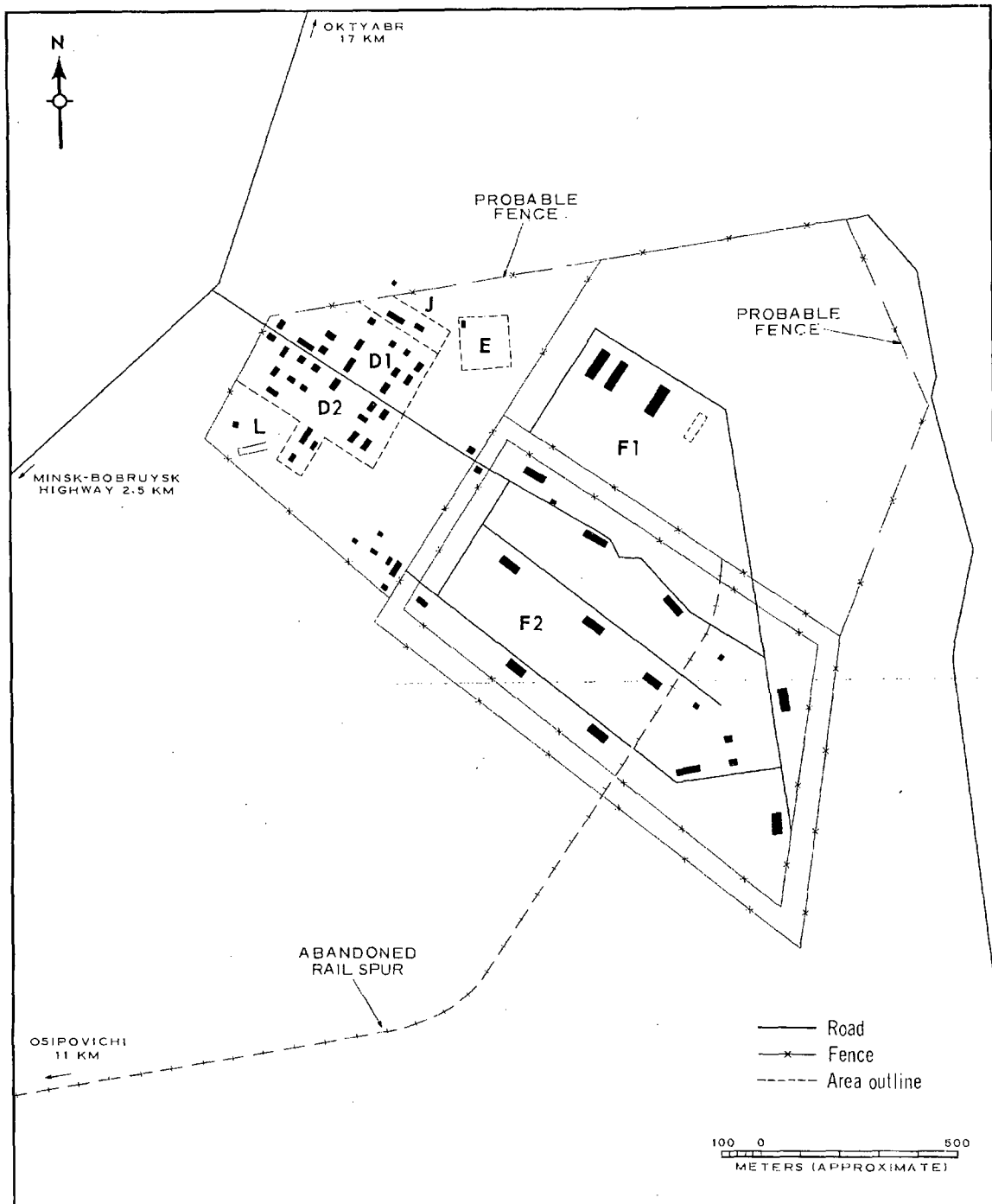


FIGURE 3. OSIPOVICH AMMUNITION DEPOT YASEN NORTHWEST. Sketch compiled from [] February 1964.

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cating probable occupancy, has increased from light during July 1956-April 1962 to medium to heavy during June 1962-August 1963.

Other Buildings

There are nine support buildings scattered throughout the support area. Trackage indicates they are probably occupied.

Equipment Storage/Maintenance Area

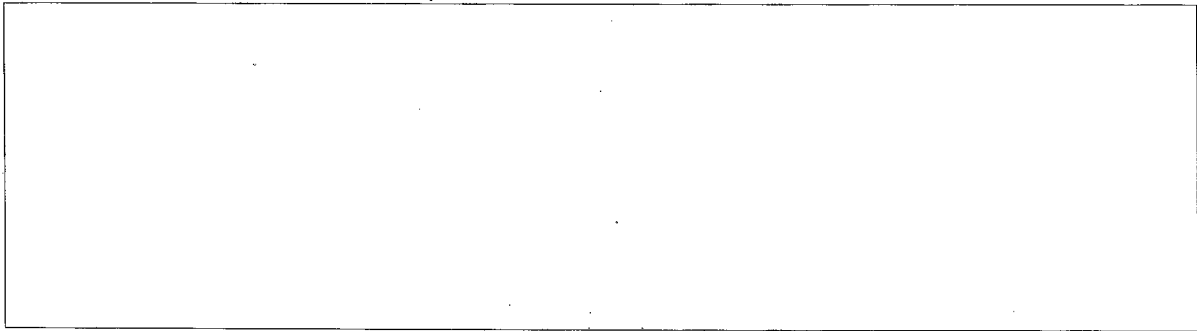
Area J has one 165- by 30-foot vehicle shed and one support building. Trackage indicates they are occupied and probably in continuous use.

Small Arms Firing Range

Area L has an approximately 250- by 40-foot small arms firing range which appears to be in use.

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